

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus (AL-6) today announced that federal fire grants totaling \$101,889 have been awarded to the Adamsville Fire and Rescue Service and the Sylvan Springs Fire Department in Jefferson County.

"Firefighters are on the front lines every day, protecting lives and property. They deserve modern equipment and the best in safety gear. This grant program helps ensure that fire companies have the necessary resources to quickly and effectively respond to emergency calls. It is an investment in the public safety of Jefferson County," Bachus said.

Bachus announced the following grants.

Adamsville Fire and Rescue Service - \$38,000

Operations and Safety Grant for the purchase of two defibrillator monitors to be carried on fire trucks

Lieutenant Scott Harbison said, "This will be very beneficial to the citizens of our community. It will allow us to replace badly outdated equipment and more effectively carry out our duties. We thank Congressman Bachus for his support of this program."

Sylvan Springs Fire Department - \$63,889

Operations and Safety Grant for conversion to a new digital communications system

Mayor Stevan Parsons said, "This will greatly increase the ability of our emergency responders to communicate with each other. The upgrade will prevent the type of communications difficulties with older equipment that, for example, took place after the tornado here in 1998."

Chief William 'Rusty' Johnson said, "We are very excited about finally being able to upgrade to an advanced digital system and thank Congressman Bachus for all of his help and support."

Funds awarded under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) program are used to meet the firefighting and emergency needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated medical services organizations. Only the applications most closely conforming to program priorities are considered and scored by peer review panels.